



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Cotton Harvest Has Begun

Data tables reflect the week ending: **September 18, 2011**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2010	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Harvested	75	60	13	51
Cotton Setting Bolls	95	93	100	100
Cotton Bolls Opening	60	47	80	67
Cotton Harvested	1	0	13	8
Peanuts Dug	9	4	14	7
Peanuts Combined	6	2	2	2
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	38	22	54	53
Soybeans Harvested	3	1	6	7
Winter Wheat Planted	0	N/A	0	0

N/A – Not Applicable

CROP / LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Corn	10	14	35	37	4
Cotton	7	21	38	33	1
Peanuts	9	19	39	31	2
Soybeans	4	14	34	45	3
Livestock	2	11	34	48	5
Pasture & Range	12	26	34	26	2

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	5.0	0	7	89	4
District 20	5.5	1	11	73	15
District 30	6.3	14	65	21	0
District 40	7.0	14	51	35	0
District 50	6.5	7	26	67	0
District 60	6.6	47	33	19	1
State: Current Week	6.1	15	27	54	4
State: Previous	4.1	12	24	52	12

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: Thomas D. Atkinson, FSA CED, said fall weather is upon Madison County; however, another 3 – 4 weeks of summer would greatly benefit the crops. Jack Tatum, ACES REA, said a good slow rain is needed in the western half of District 30. Alfred K. Jackson, Tuskegee Cooperative Extension Program County Agent, said fall vegetable producers are planting and preparing for a bountiful winter crop. Carolyn Bradley, FSA PT, Donna Senn, FSA CED, and Justin Senn, FSA CED, said Conecuh, Barbour, and Coffee Counties are in desperate need of rain.

Corn/Cotton/Peanut/Soybeans: Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, said warm, dry conditions over Elmore, Montgomery, Tallapoosa, and Coosa Counties helped complete the remaining corn harvest. Smith said cotton defoliation has begun, and pickers are expected to be seen in the field next week. Kelvin L. Veal, FSA CED, said heavy rainfall from last weekend in Cullman County has severely impacted the cotton crop quality and yields. Brandon Dillard, ACES REA, and James D. Jones Jr., ACES CEC, said rainfall is needed to dig peanuts in Geneva and Henry Counties. Jones Jr. said cotton harvest has begun in Henry County.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: T. H. Gregg, ACES CEC, said producers are planting clover and making hay in Etowah County. Henry Dorrough, ACES REA, said although forages have greened up following Tropical Storm Lee, growth of warm season grasses have slowed in preparation for the dormant season as a result of cooler temperatures. In contrast, cool season forages have begun to respond positively to the limited moisture and cooler temperatures, said Dorrough. Dorrough said livestock producers have been busy making preparations to plant fields for winter grazing. Smith said pastures continue to be in fair to poor condition as drought persists over much of Elmore, Montgomery, Tallapoosa, and Coosa Counties. Jackson said pastures are looking greener since last week's rains, although beneficial to most aspects of agriculture, the rain contributed mostly to runoff in the Blackbelt. Brenda Glover, ACES REA, said hay is going to be in short supply this winter in the western half of District 40.

Name	City	State	Average Mean Temperature Value (°F)	Total Precipitation Value (in.)
Birmingham Area	Birmingham	AL	71.8	0.01
Huntsville Area	Huntsville	AL	69.9	0.06
Mobile Area	Mobile	AL	76.7	0.00
Montgomery Area	Montgomery	AL	75.3	0.00

U.S. Drought Monitor, September 13, 2011

National Weather Service
<http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm>

	Drought Conditions (Percent Area)					
	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	46.26	53.74	42.31	30.60	17.37	0.00
Last Week (09/06/2011 map)	46.26	53.74	42.31	30.60	17.37	0.00
3 Months Ago (06/14/2011 map)	1.65	98.35	54.88	40.72	21.61	3.72
Start of Calendar Year (12/28/2010 map)	17.47	82.53	55.26	29.34	1.82	0.00
Start of Water Year (09/28/2010 map)	3.64	96.36	66.34	25.17	4.40	0.00
One Year Ago (09/07/2010 map)	42.23	57.77	17.58	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Drought - Moderate
- D2 Drought - Severe
- D3 Drought - Extreme
- D4 Drought - Exceptional

